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JAMES BOND HE'S NOT...

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AMERICA's new
master spy Robert
Gates won't ever be
mistaken for James
Bond.

Unlike the fictional
superhero and many
previous CIA direc-
tors, Gates has never
been a secret agent.

The 43-year-old
family man instead
has risen to the
upper echelon of es-
pionage through
deskwork.

But intelligence ex-
perts say Gates' im-
pact on the CIA has
been as important
as that of the der-
ring-doers.

He is known as a
skilled administrator
and analyst of com-
plex information
gathered by others.

During his CIA ca-
reer, Gates served
for six years on the
staff of the White
House National Se-
curity Council and
later was assigned
to agency headquar-
ters in Langley, Va.

He was responsible
for evaluating intel-
ligence about the
Soviet Union.

A native of Kansas,
Gates holds a
doctorate in Russian
language and Soviet
history from George-
town University.